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In re Application of )  
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Serial No. 09/700,455 ) Examiner: Wegert, Sandra L.  
Filed: February 1, 2001 ) Confirmation No. 5273  
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**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(6): TO ACCEPT AN UNINTENTIONALLY  
DELAYED CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF PRIORITY UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119(e)**

**Mail Stop Petition**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the unintentionally delayed claim, under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) for benefit of the prior-filed provisional application, be accepted in the above-referenced patent application.

The present application is a U.S. National Phase application, filed under 35 U.S.C. § 371, of International Application No. PCT/US99/10619, filed May 13, 1999. PCT/US99/10619 lists U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/085,556, filed May 15, 1998, as the priority application. Moreover, the Declaration/Power of Attorney filed December 4, 2000 in the present application lists PCT/US99/10619 and 60/085,556 as priority applications.

However, the specification itself does not contain a specific reference to Provisional Application No. 60/085,556.

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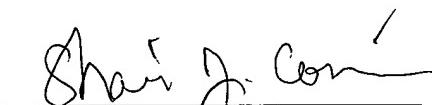
To rectify this oversight, Applicants have requested amendment of the specification to insert the appropriate priority claim (see pages 2 and 10-11 of Exhibit A, which is a copy of the concurrently filed "Amendment and Reply to Office Action" for the present application).

The entire delay between the date the priority claim was due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(5) and the date the priority claim was filed was unintentional.

Applicants respectfully request that this petition be granted and that the unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) for benefit of the prior filed provisional application be accepted.

Credit Card Form PTO-2038 authorizing payment in the amount of \$1330.00 for the petition fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(t) is enclosed. No additional fee is believed due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.

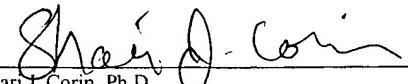
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